

PROFILE OF MEC SEBONTA DESBO MOHONO

Sebonta Desbo Mohono was born on 28 October 1970 in Chaneng Village near Rustenburg. She schooled at Chaneng Primary School and continued her studies at Mafenya Middle School until she completed her studies at Seabe High School in Mpumalanga Province. She obtained her Diploma in Education from Lehurutshe College of Education in 1993, she started teaching at Rakoko High School for a period of ten years, she continued with her teaching career at Rauwane Sepeng in Tlhabane for another five years.

In 2009 Desbo Mohono became a Member of Provincial Legislature in the North West Provincial Legislature, subsequent to that she was appointed as a Member of Executive Council.

GOVERNMENT

Desbo Mohono is currently the MEC for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in the North West Province. Previously MEC Desbo Mohono was responsible for the Department of Tourism, where she had a mammoth task of establishing the said department as previously was just a directorate in the bigger picture, but with her diligence, tenacity and commitment, she led and developed the department very well.

2009 she was appointed as the MEC responsible for the Department of Human Settlement and Public Safety & Liaison and in 2012 she was then appointed MEC for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. MEC Mohono created an opportunity for project owners in Agriculture to market their products. Farming communities will remember her about the mark that she has made in the latter department.

Her achievements were and are felt all over South Africa especially in the North West Province. She established a vegetable market for Taung and Mahikeng were

farmers can sell their vegetables, eggs, food and sheep just to mention a few from their agricultural projects.

She encouraged the partnership between the department and Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) to empower farmers who met the requirements to acquire the Nguni cattle. She gave the opportunity to rural communal farmers to breed and multiply the cows they received from government and we believe she will be missed for her good deeds especially in rural areas.

She negotiated with Royal Bafokeng Platinum Mines to contribute to Taung Agriculture Irrigation Scheme and the mine contributed a sum of R1 million only towards the irrigation in Taung as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility.

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

Desbo Mohono's leadership skills have shown from her early days, this includes the time she was a teacher, the following are leadership positions she occupied:

- SRC Member of Seabe High School
- 1994 - 1998 Chairperson Mabeskraal Branch of SADTU
- 1998 – 2004 Deputy Chairperson of SADTU Bojanala Region
- 2004 – 2005 COSATU Provincial Executive Member
- 2004 – 2009 SADTU North West Deputy Provincial Secretary, SADTU National Negotiator and COSATU PEC Member
- 2011 – 2015 ANC North West Provincial Executive Committee Member and Provincial Working Committee Member
- Chris Hani Brigade Political School
- ANC Women's League Member
- Member of South African Communist Party
- 2018 to date ANC North West Member of the Provincial Task Team and Convener of Ngaka Modiri Molema Region

EDUCATION

Desbo Mohono continues to lead by example by prioritising education as part of her life. Despite her hectic schedule she finds time to study further regardless. The following is her education achievements.

- Diploma in Education – Lehurutshe College of Education
- Further Diploma in Education (Hospitality) – Vista University
- B Ed Honours in Education – Tshwane University of Technology
- Certificate in Leadership – UNISA
- Certificate in Governance & Public Leadership – Wits University
- Post Graduate Diploma in Governance & Public Leadership – Wits University
- Masters Degree in Governance & Public Leadership – Wits University